

June 18, 2014  
8:30 a.m.  
Newport, Oregon

**The Parks and Recreation Committee of the City of Newport met on the above date in the Newport Recreation Center.**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Ed Simon.
2. Roll Call: Members present were Ed Simon, Sandra Surber, Nancy Steinberg, Jennie Scarborough, Alisha Kern, Karen Smith. Absent: Fred Springsteen, Mark Saelens.
3. Staff/Guests Present: Parks and Recreation Director Jim Protiva, and Keven Greenwood Port of Newport Director.
4. Action Items - Approval of minutes: Steinberg moved to approve the corrected minutes of the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Surber seconded. There were no objections and the motion passed.

Committee Applicants - Recommendation to Council: Steinberg moved to recommend Kevin Greenwood for appointment to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Seconded by Scarborough. All voted aye and the motion was approved.

5. Public Comment: None.
6. Director's Report. Protiva reviewed the report that is submitted monthly to the City Manager. Protiva also informed the Committee of the progress of the new pool project which includes the formation of several focus groups. The Committee discussed the focus groups and how they would be involved with the project.
7. Sub-Committee Comments

**Municipal Pool** - Scarborough reported that swim team numbers were currently a bit low as they usually are in the spring time, due to other sports.

**Tree City USA** - Steinberg passed out information on tree-tags that are used to educate the public in the value of each tree. The tags are provided by the State and applications are submitted in order to receive them.

**Rec. Center, Programming, Sports, Events** - Protiva noted that the Summer Activity Guide was out and summer programs were in full-swing. Protiva added that our Sports Coordinator Mike Cavanaugh had injured his knee and would be having surgery soon. Protiva announced that the triathlon was cancelled this year due to Mike Cavanaugh's injury and also because the number of participants had

dropped severely in the past year. Kern asked if there was any news on the pump track project. Protiva reported that he had spoken with someone who was interested in helping design the park, and soil and drainage issues would have to be addressed before starting the project. He added that he thought it might get started in the fall.

**Foundation - None.**

**Parks, Trails & Forests** - Protiva reported that he had spoken with a County staff person who was working on improving the health of Lincoln County citizens. The issue the two discussed was if the City might want to prohibit smoking in City parks. The Committee discussed the idea and asked to re-visit it at the next meeting.

Simon announced that he had been working on the formation of a volunteer group titled the City Park Rangers who would patrol our parks and trails on mountain bikes. Simon would be presenting the idea to the Yaquina Bike Club to seek volunteers who would patrol and provide aid to citizens that are using our facilities. The volunteers would carry water, watch for safety concerns, and provide help as needed.

8. Develop Next Agenda - Kern asked if they could get an update from the Forest Park group.
9. The next meeting is scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
10. Adjournment - Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.